



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
SUPERFUND SITE STRATEGY RECOMMENDATION - REGION 06



Site Name: Section 36 Mine - NM0017

CERCLIS ID#: N/A

Alias Site Name: Cliffside

Address: Latitude 35 degrees 23'43.29" Longitude 107 degrees 45'01.18"

City/County or Parish/State/Zip: McKinley County, New Mexico

Report Type: Pre-CERCLIS Screening

Date: 10/31/11

Author: NMED

RECOMMENDATION:

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. No Further Remedial Action Planned Under Superfund (NFRAP)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Further Investigation Needed Under Superfund												
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<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Action Deferred to: <input type="checkbox"/> RCRA <input type="checkbox"/> NRC <input type="checkbox"/> BLM													
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Site Being Addressed Under the State Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													
To be performed by: _____													

NOTIFY AUTHORITY:

<input type="checkbox"/> Removal	<input type="checkbox"/> RCRA	<input type="checkbox"/> TSCA	<input type="checkbox"/> CAA	<input type="checkbox"/> SMCRA
<input type="checkbox"/> Remedial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State/Tribe	<input type="checkbox"/> NPDES	<input type="checkbox"/> NRC	<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Trustee: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> CERCLA	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> UIC	<input type="checkbox"/> SPCC	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Enforcement	Facility			
SEND SSSR COPIES TO: <input type="checkbox"/> 6SF-AC <input type="checkbox"/> 6WQ-SP <input type="checkbox"/> ATSDR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Agency				

DISCUSSION:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) used operational history to develop a pre-CERCLIS screen for the Section 36 Mine site. The mine operated as a wet mine and records indicate that during mine operations, solution mining (i.e., mine water was recirculated through the mine to further leach uranium) and backfilling with mill tailing sands occurred.

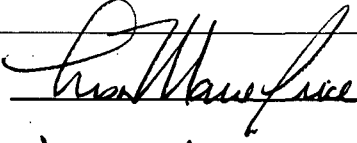
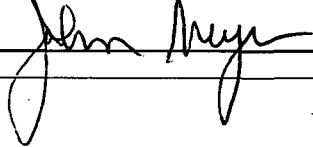
The mine site has been released from further requirements of the Mining Act Reclamation Program, but investigation into the impacts from the discharge of mine water and solution mining is being required pursuant to the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission regulations.

NMED recommended that no further action be taken under CERCLA at the Section 36 Mine site due to on-going remedial activities pursuant to New Mexico regulations. EPA concurs with this recommendation.



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**APPROVALS:**

<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	<u>Lisa Marie Price</u> (Site Assessment Manager)	<b>Signature:</b>	<u></u>	<b>Date:</b>	<u>12/13/11</u>
<b>Disposition Approved by:</b>	<u>John Meyer</u> (Section Chief 6SF-TR)	<b>Signature:</b>	<u></u>	<b>Date:</b>	<u>12/20/11</u>